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Church News

APRIL COLLECTIONS.

The month of April is set apart in the General Assembly's schedule for collections for Education for the Ministry. Remit to John Stites, Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

CHILDREN'S DAY FOR 1909.

The date appointed by the General Assembly for Children's Day this year is May 23. An attractive program with hymns, reading, recitations and mite boxes will be ready by April 15. It will be well for Sunday schools to place their orders at once. All this literature is furnished free, postage prepaid. In making order be careful to give name of your church and Presbytery; and say whether you are near an express office.

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MEXICO.

Mrs. S. L. Chestnut, of Rogersville, Tenn., writes that, during a recent visit to our mission station at Matamoros, Mexico, the imperative need of better equipment for the work there was forcibly seen. There should be a suitable building and an assistant for Miss Dy-sart, who has labored so faithfully and efficiently twenty-six years in this field. There is also pressing need of a boys' school. These people are just at our door, and they are coming among us and we must save them. We have a great opportunity right here in Matamoros and Brownsville, an opportunity we have hardly appreciated in the past. Our pioneer missionary, Rev. A. T. Graybill, and others, did not have the help of the home church to the extent they should have had. Results would have been so much greater if we had been more in accord with the wishes and needs of our little band of missionaries in that field nearest our own door. Yet we must profit by the mistakes of the past and bestir ourselves to meet the demands of the present. The collection on Children's Day will be devoted to the boys' school, the Graybill

Memorial School it is called, and surely in memory of the devoted efforts of Dr. Graybill this fund will be made sufficient to build and equip this our boys' industrial school in Mexico. An attractive program is being prepared for the Children's Day exercises, and all of our Sunday Schools should observe this day.

ALABAMA.

South Highlands Church, Birmingham: The pastor, Rev. Dr. Sterling J. Foster, has announced to his people his intention to accept the presidency of the Alabama Synodical College at Anniston, which was recently tendered him.

Huntsville: At a congregational meeting held recently the salary of Rev. Francis Tappey, pastor, was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

ARKANSAS.

Texarkana: The First church, on the Arkansas side, after being vacant since August 1, 1908, has called Rev. D. M. McIver, of Charleston, S. C. He has signified his willingness to accept, and will begin his ministry the first Sunday in April. This is the church that was formerly served by Rev. F. E. Maddox, who was suspended from the ministry by the Presbytery of Ouachita for erroneous and heretical teachings.

Blytheville: In this little city of 3,000 population we find another illustration of the rapid growth of a western town whose development has been in the past five years, through the coming of several railroads. A church was organized in 1904. Rev. H. H. Patrick has lately been chosen pastor for half of his time. He took charge three months ago, but has not been installed. They have no house of worship, but have secured two lots centrally located and are planning to build. The Ladies' Aid Society has two hundred and fifty dollars towards this fund. During our meeting we were permitted to use the church of the Disciples. Three services were held daily. The attendance was most encouraging and the interest continually increased. One elder was elected and installed. When the meeting began there were thirty-one members, but twenty-eight new ones were received, all adults except two, and twenty-three children were baptized. The sum of \$500 was collected to pay the balance on the church lots, and nine hundred and fifty dollars was subscribed for the new church. Sixty dollars was given for Synod's home mission work, and forty dollars for Presbyterian home missions. The pastor and people are much encouraged.

Wm. H. Richardson.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, at the Central Church: Under the auspices of the brotherhood of this church, a very instructive lecture was given on March 23 by Rev. W. H. Clagett, field secretary of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The topic was, "The Martyr Graves of Scotland." The lecturer gave a historical account of the development of Presbyterianism in Scotland. The stereopticon views were made from photographs taken by Dr. Clagett. The amount of information packed into the lecture and emphasized by the photographs makes it interesting and valuable.

FLORIDA.

Gainesville: The forty-second anniversary of the organization of the First church was recently celebrated. The pastor, Rev. T. P. Hay, congratulated the congregation on their loyalty and work they had accomplished. This church last year undertook the support of a missionary in China and is taking steps towards grading the Sunday school and the erection of a modern Sunday school room.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Florida Presbytery will meet at DeFuniak Springs Tuesday, April 20, 9:30 a. m. The session will extend through Thursday, April 22.

Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Cor. Sec.

The Ladies' Missionary Union of St. John's Presbytery will meet at Lakeland, Wednesday, April 14, at 9:30 a. m. All societies are urged to send representatives. Miss Mattie Tate, of Korea, will deliver the missionary address.

Mrs. J. C. Tims, President.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Central Church: The pulpit of this church has been supplied by Dr. F. H. Gaines, of Decatur, for several months, the engagement ceasing on Sunday, March 29. The new pastor is expected on April 1. Dr. Gaines' sermons have been full of Gospel force, and followed by many expressions of approval and commendation. On Sunday a stranger from a distant city, immediately after the sermon approved of it so warmly as to express a desire to see it published for circulation, and volunteered to head a subscription for that purpose.

Elder.

—West End Church: A series of meetings have recently been held in this church lasting ten days. Dr. A. A. Little, pastor of the Westminster church, and Dr. J. G. Patton, of Decatur, did the preaching. Several have united with the church by letter and others will do so on profession of their faith in Christ. The clear, forceful style of preaching awakened the heart of the hearer and strengthened the members for future work.

—First Church: The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Sunday, April 4, and seven were added to the membership. During the year fifty-four members have been received, twenty-five on profession and twenty-nine by letter and thirteen have received the ordinance of baptism. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has undertaken the support of Mrs. D. G. Armstrong, of our Brazilian mission.

—Georgia Avenue Church: A series of meetings will begin in this church on April 18, conducted by Rev. E. D. Brownlee, of Rock Springs. The young people of the Sunday school have taken charge of the Pickert Street Mission, organized by the Brotherhood of this church.

—Rev. H. Dunbar Ogden preached his first sermon as pastor of the Central Church last Sunday morning. The church was exceptionally well filled. His text was "Thy kingdom come."

—At North Avenue Church last Sunday, there were thirteen additions on confession of faith and three by letter. During the year there have been more than a hundred additions. The present member-